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far more ambitious than might have been inferred from the newspaper accounts. His plans are thus descriped in his application

for the Vega stipend: The Explorer's Plans. "I intend to leave Stockholm in the be-

ginning of May for St. John's, and thence to sail either with a whaling steamer or in a hired vessel along the West Greenland coast past Cape York to some place on Ellesmere Land, as close as possible to Cape Sabine, Under ordinary circumstances I ought to arrive there about midsummer. During the two and a half months followand boat along Ellesmere Land and through Hayes Sound, in the direction of Victoria archipelago or North Kent. That geographic point of view, presents an un-usually rich field for botanical investigations, being the connecting link between Arctic North America and Greenland. As regards the return voyage, if it is to be made on a steam whaler, I shall have to meet one of these vessels at Cape Warrender on North Devon, in Lancaster Sound; if I go in a hired vessel I shall have to re-turn to the point on Ellesmere Land where "As regards my chances of making this trip of 650 miles in seventy-five days, I may mention that in the summer of 1891, under very unfavorable circumstances, I made 400 miles in sixteen days, in the ice along the West Greenland coast. During

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yet visited the North American archipelago. The return from the northern part of Baf-fin bay is intended to be made in the be-ginning of September." Indorsed by the Great Explorer. In the opinion of Prof. Nordenskiold this plan contains nothing that is impracticable. As a rule, Ellesmere Land can be reached without difficulty, nor would there that time he was still a student, but had been trained for such work by excursions in the mountains of Scandinavia. His next voyage was made to the west coast of Greenland. With a trading vessel he reached the northernmost of the Danish col-

onies, and thence in a boat rowed by Eski-mos he penetrated northward as far as Devil's Thumb. Then came his last voyage. In the spring Kallstenius, Bjorling himself being by pro-fession a botanist. The means at his disposal, mostly private contributions, were very slender, but it was known that he had a knack of making most out of small funds. Thus his first Greenland voyage cost in all not more than a round trip ticket from struggle with cold and starvation on the edge of the land he sought to explore; and he will have to deem himself happy if the American expedition under Robert Stein relieves him next May.

The history of the Bjorling expedition was made adequately known only recently by Prof. A. E. Nordenskiold, the famous circumnavigator of Asia, in a lecture before the Society of Anthropology and Geography of Stocholm, December 15, 1893, and printed in the society's periodical, Ymer. From this it appears that Bjorling's aims were for more ambilitious than might have been supported to the condition of the condition of the land of the condition of the land of the newspaper, the rest of the crew consisted only of two men, an Englishman, Gilbert only of two men, an Englishman, Gilbert Dunn, acting as helmsman, and Herbert McDonald, from Prince Edward Island, as cook. More accurate details concerning the men cannot be obtained, the papers relating thereto having been destroyed by the great fire which visited St. John's. In his last letter, Bjorling states that his crew

consisted of three men, all from Europe His letter is as follows: In Spite of Discouragements. "On June 1, I reached Newfoundland, where I purchased a vessel. I did not secure a crew till the 22d of June, for the reason that everybody told the sailors that my vessel was altogether unseaworthy and would founder in sight of Newfoundland. As a consequence, I did not get more than three men, ail from Europe. That region, which is entirely unknown, from a I was not mistaken in the quality of my vessel appears from the fact that in ten days I penetrated through the extremely difficult West Greenland pack ice, which, for the first time in one hundred years, had filled the lower part of Davis strait, and

filled the lower part of Davis strait, and ieft only a very narrow lead along Baffin Land. I was told that it had taken the Greenland trading vessels months to get through. In Godthaab and Upernivik the winter had been uncommonly mild, the

whalers be asked that when they go past the Cary Islands, as they usually do, they visit the summit of the highest island and obtain the documents which I intend to de-

Godthaab was reached on July 28, and was left behind on August 3. Mr. Jorgensen, governor of the colony, states that Bjorling there purchased a shotgun and a rifle with the necessary ammunition, as well as some provisions, clothing, &c., and a good boat. be any great obstacle to an advance into the interior, though, perhaps, not as far as Bjorling intended. Bjorling was no novice in Arctic travel. In 1890 he visited the flords on the west coast of Spitzbergen and the sufficient store of winter clothing, but his provisions were not sufficient for wintering. His last letter arrived more than a sufficient provisions were not sufficient for wintering. His last letter arrived more than a sufficient provisions were not sufficient for wintering. year ago. Autumn passed away, and the last Greenland vessel reached Copenhagen, but without news from the expedition. but without news from the expedition. As, however, it might have reached the Danish colonies after the departure of the last vessel, and as Bjorling had indicated the possibility of wintering, no great alarm was felt. The Swedish foreign office, however, took energetic measures in order to obtain information concerning the explorers. It requested the whalers to visit the Cary It requested the whalers to visit the Cary Islands, to obtain the documents referred to by Bjorling, and it also asked Peary, who was about to start on his second trip, to keep a lookout for any traces of the missing Swedes. Peary had met Bjorling near Godthaab on his outward trip, but seen nothing of him on his return.

The Wrecked Vessel. At last, on November 14, 1893, a telegram from Dundee brought the first news. About the middle of June last the watch in the crow's nest of the whaler Aurora, Capt. McKay, passing near the most southeasterly of the Cary Islands, discovered near that island an object looking like a wreck. A boat was immediately lowered and rowed over. The schooner Ripple was found lying on the shore, almost buried in ice. Not far away was found a pile of ice. Not far away was found a pile of stones, containing the body of a man. Near by was a large mound, probably the "cairn" left there by Nares. In this was found a tin can, containing four open letters written by Bjorling, and a sealed letter addressed to a person at St. John's. Although the versel lay cast up on the share it was dressed to a person at St. John's. Although the vessel lay cast up on the shore, it was not possible to get into it, because the deck was covered with ice in some places several feet thick. All around were found books, articles of clothing. &c., which were all packed in a box, obtained from the wreck. This box arrived in Stockholm, but contained nothing that could give additional light.

The open communications consisted of three visiting cards and a letter. One of the cards contained a request addressed to one of the Peary party to transmit the accommunications. of the reary party to transmit the accompanying letter to a certain person in St. John's. This was written in ink. So was the other visiting card, which stated that Bjorling visited the Cary Islands on August 16, 1892, having left Godthaab on August 2, and sailed along the ice in Baffin bay till and sailed along the ice in Banin bay, the 13th, when he passed in one day through the dreaded Melville bay. This seems to indicate that the Ripple was not quite so indicate that the Ripple was not quite so indicate that the Ripple was not quite so frail as had been thought. From Cape York the vessel had been driven by a storm as far as Cape Parry, whence they had sailed for the Cary Islands. On the last named card there is an addition in pencil, dated August 17, that is, the day after their arrival on the islands. In it Bjorling states that the schooner had run aground after the provisions from Nares' depot had been put on board. A third card states that a trip by boat was undertaken northward with the intention of reaching Foulke flord; that further information would be deposited in Pandora harbor, and that their provisions, winter had been uncommonly mild, the temperature at the former place not descending below 28 degrees, so that it is thought that the northern part of Baffin bay is free from ice. Near Cape Waisingham on Baffin Land, which I sighted on July 24, I did not find a trace of ice. This is most unusual, and I shall thereby be enabled on my voyage to Smith Sound, to go straight over to Lancaster Sound and reads thus:

umberland Island, I was obliged by several circumstances to return to the Cary Islands. Having been obliged by bad weather to spend some time on this island, I am now starting to meet the Eskimos at Clarence head or Cape Faraday on Ellesmere Land. In the hope that a whaler will next year visit the Cary Islands to relieve me and my men, I shall try to reach those islands before the 1st of July. If no whaler appears before the 15th of July, I shall be obliged, if possible, to go to the Danish colonies. Hence, if you visit this island later than July 1 and do not find any information regarding my departure for the Danish colonies, I shall be greatly obliged to you if you will go to Clarence head (fifty miles from here), where I will erect a 'cairn' on the easternmost point and in it deposit information regarding the fortunes of myself and my men during the winter. Finally, I rehead or Cape Faraday on Ellesmere Land. my men during the winter. Finally, I request that you send all information concerning myself to Prof. Nordenskield in Stockholm, or to the nearest Swedish consul, to-gether with a statement as to time when and place where it was found. Unless I reach the Eskimos, our provisions will not last longer than the 1st of January, supposing that I do not succeed in increasing them from some depot of provisions. We are now five men, one of whom is dying." Here the letter closes. It is dated October 12, 1892. Capt. McKay at once headed for Ellesmere Capt. McKay at once headed for Ellesmere Land, but the lice prevented his approach in the limited time at his disposal. No further news has been received. The first feeling produced by the reading of this account is astonishment at the young explorer's incredible boldness an i tenacity of purpose. With a vessel which every one else regarded as unseaworthy, he pushes into the ice of Davis strait and the still more dreaded Melville bay, till, having entered the "northwater," which is nearly always free from ice, he seems to be on the point of crowning his work with the most brilliant success. All at once his vessel is lost by an accident such as happens occasionally in the buslest such as happens occasionally in the busies of ports. One would think that thereupor of ports. One would think that thereupon his only endeavor would be to save his life. Instead of this, it seems nearly certain that his main object still was to continue the expedition. In this way only can it be explained why he turned back from the Greenland shore, where he knew he should meet Eskimos, and why he made for Clarence head, concerning which he had but the vaguest reports. The reason was that Clarence head was on Ellesmere Land, and Ellesmere Land was the object of his exploration. To hold on to one's purpose in the face of

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mere Land was the object of his exploration. To hold on to one's purpose in the face of death argues it courage which, however it may savor of rashness, cannot but call forth the highest admiration.

There is a surprising resemblance between this exploit and the career of another Swede, Charles XII. In both cases a youth hardly beyond boy's age is seen all at once to display the full attributes of a superb manhood. There is the same keen insight into the problem to be solved, the same care and sagacity in planning, the same fertility of resource, the same grasp of detail, the same rapidity of action, the same contempt of obstacles; but also the same overweening self-confidence which same contempt of obstacles; but also the same overweening self-confidence which scorns to count enemies and prompts the undertaking of the most gigantic tasks with the slenderest means. The result is at first almost miraculous success, and in the end a disestrous catastrophe. Let it be hoped that the latest counterpart of Sweden's great king may not yet have found his Frederikshaid.

Are the Explorers Alive! The question now arises: Is there any ground for hope that the daring explorers may still be alive? Looking at all the facts calmly, one must conclude that the chances of their surviving are decidedly good. They had two rifles, a shotgun, and considerable ling's indomitable courage and fertility of expedients would almost certainly be able to maintain himself in a land which, according to all accounts, is rich in animal life. As far back as 1616 Baffin reported a multitude of wairus near the entrance of Jones' sound. The western part of that sound is stated by Eskimos to remain open all the year round, and to abound in seals and wairus, a statement which is confirmed. by Belcher's discovery of open water on May 20, a few miles farther west. The Eskimo name for Ellesmere Land is Musk-ox Land, these animals, together with rein-deer, being reported as very abundant there, by the concurrent testimony of the Eski-mos on the south and on the east. The west coast is said to be so infested with polar bears that the Eskimos do not venture to go there—a sign of the abundance of seals, on which the bears feed. That there are Eskimos living on Ellesmere Land is almost certain from the reports of

the Polaris expedition.

The gravest cause of apprehension lies in the fact that none of the whalers who hunted near the mouth of Jones' sound in 1833 found any trace of the expedition 1833 found any trace of the expedition later than the letters referred to. If Bjor-ling was near Clarence Head, knowing that ling was near Clarence Head, knowing that the whalers were within a few miles of him, he would certainly have made an effort to communicate with them. The only explanation of his silence is that he may have lost his boat, and that the Eskimo have lost his boat, and that the Eskino boats were not large or stout enough to leave the shore. Or might it be possible that the daring son of the Vikings, having at last, despite the deadliest peril, set boat on the land he came to explore, was not content to leave it without having traced its uttermost confines, and that he is actually in the same than the same ally fighting his way through cold and storm and ice along the western shore? Be that as it may, it is a comfort to know that a party of Americans under the leadership of Mr. Robert Stein of the United States geological survey are pre-paring to do all that human power can do to rescue the unfortunate Swedes, and at the same time to establish at the mouth of ones' sound a permanent station which will render the recurrence of a similar disaster to whalers and to explorers practically impossible. No amount of risk or obloquy will ever stop arctic exploration till all the remaining mysteries are solved. lequy will ever stop arctic exploration the all the remaining mysteries are solved. Though the world may call the explorers rash adventurers, yet its pity will invari-ably be aroused by their misfortunes, for there is nothing so fascinating as bravery. Humanity will breathe more freely therefore, when it is known that at the main gateway of the arctic, at the vestibule of the mysterious unknown area, there is well-provisioned permanent camp, which can be reached by any shipwrecked parts within a radius of at least 200 miles. To maintain this camp will probably cost less

maintain this camp will probably cost less than \$1.000 a year.

"The wonder is," says Lieut. Brainard, "that so simple and inexpensive a measure was not thought of long ago." More fortunate than Bjorling, Mr. Stein has already obtained from one whaling firm the promise of transportation to the mouth of Jones sound. Sufficient funds have already been subscribed to start the expedition on a small scale. In order, however, to make the search for the lost party as thorough as possible, a larger organization will be needed, requiring at least \$15,000. Objects so practical as those named above—the rescue of four human beings, the establishment of a permanent station to prevent ment of a permanent station to prevent any future disaster, and a series of obser-vations on meteorology, magnetism.gravity, tides and currents, all of the highest importance to the navigator and surveyor— these, it is thought, ought to suffice to secure such support as will render it certain that the expedition will lack nothing that

The Late Helen A. Shafer.

Helen A. Shafer, president of Wellesley College, whose death was announced in Saturday's Star, was born in Newark, N. J. September 23, 1839. Her father was a clergyman of the Congregational denomination. The family moved westward, and tor many years lived in Oberlin, Ohio, where the home is still maintained. Miss Shafer was graduated from Oberlin College in 1863.
After teaching two years in New Jersey
she accepted a position in the high school
of St. Louis, Mo. In this school she held of St. Louis, Mo. In this school she held the position of leading instructor of mathematics for ten years, laying the foundation of a distinguished career as a teacher of the higher mathematics. In 1877 she was called to the chair of mathematics in Wellesley College, which she held until 1888, when she succeeded Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer as president.

In 1878 Miss Shafer received the degree of M. A. from Oberlin College, and in 1893 the degree of LL.D.